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ABSTRACT

This fourth edition of the standard work on library centers addresses the challenges of electronic publishing, and puts issues of collection development into perspective. It provides students and practitioners with a broad understanding of the collection development process. Each chapter has been expanded and updated. The chapters are: (1) Information Age--Information Society; (2) Information Needs Assessment; (3) Collection Development Policies; (4) Selection Process in Practice; (5) Producers of Information Materials; (6) Print-Based Serials; (7) Electronic Serials; (8) Other Electronic Materials; (9) Government Information; (10) Audiovisual Materials; (11) Acquisitions; (12) Distributors and Vendors; (13) Fiscal Management; (14) Deselection; (15) Evaluation; (16) Cooperative Collection Development and Resource Sharing; (17) Protecting the Collection; (18) Legal Issues; and (19) Censorship, Intellectual Freedom, and Collection Development. An epilogue considers the future of collection development. Each chapter includes lists of further reading. Includes an index. (MES)

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